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SUBJECT: TURKEY LIFTS BAN ON OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION

ACCORDING TO ANKARA DOMESTIC SERVICE, THE TURKISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS VOTED TO RESCIND THE POPPY BAN IN THE SEVEN PROVINCES THAT ARE THE CORE OF THE TURKISH POPPY GROWING AREA. BY LAW THIS DECREE HAD TO BE VOTED BY JULY 1. OTHERWISE THE BAN WOULD HAVE REMAINED IN EFFECT FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

4 THE GOVERNMENT STATED THAT AN EFFECTIVE CONTROL SYSTEM WOULD
3 BE EMPLOYED TO PREVENT ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN OPIUM OR THE CULTI-
2 VATION OF OPIUM POPPIES IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED.
1 EXPERTS IN BOTH THE US AND TURKEY, HOWEVER, DOUBT THAT THIS CAN

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BE DONE.

IN MAKING THE DECISION ANKARA DISREGARDED WARNINGS FROM THE US THAT LIFTING THE BAN MIGHT LEAD CONGRESS TO CUT OFF AID. ANKARA ALSO DISREGARDED THE COUNSEL OF SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS WHO FEARED THE EFFECT RESUMED POPPY GROWING WOULD HAVE ON RELATIONS WITH THE US.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT REINFORM THE US EMBASSY IN ADVANCED OF ITS INTENTION. [redacted] 25X1

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